

Docket No. UCIVN-003C

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant hereby responds to the non-final office action dated October 124, 2005.

In the office action, claims 35, 36, 38, 39, 41-44, 45, 48, 49, 62, 67, 80, 82, 90, 94 and 98 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,312,708 (Donovan). Claims 37, 40, 46, 47, 50-61, 63-66, 68-79, 81, 83-89, 91-93 and 95-97 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated to be allowable in rewritten in independent format.

Enclosed herewith is a Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 establishing that the invention recited in independent claim 35 was conceived of and actually reduced to practice prior to the earliest filing date to which Donovan claims priority. Applicant respectfully submits that, on the basis of the enclosed Rule 131 declaration, the stated rejection of claims 35, 36, 38, 39, 41-44, 45, 48, 49, 62, must be withdrawn. This places claims 35-66 in condition for allowance.

Also, by the foregoing amendment, the limitations of allowed claims 70 and 73 have been amended into independent claim 67 in Markush format. Accordingly, dependent claims 70 and 73 have been cancelled. Dependent claim 71 has been amended to be dependent from claim 67 rather than cancelled claim 70 and dependent claim 74 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 67 rather than cancelled claim 73. Based on these amendments, claims 67-69, 71, 72 and 74-98 are also in condition for allowance.

In conclusion, all remaining claims 35-69, 71, 72 and 74-98 are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If for any reason the Examiner does not agree that all claims are in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel to discuss any further measures that may be taken to facilitate allowance of this patent application.

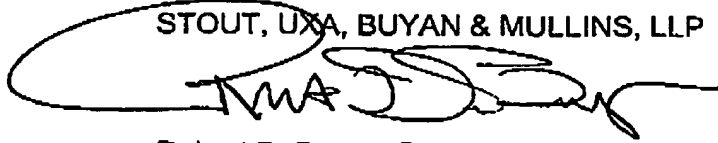
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A three (3) month extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the small entity fee for such extension of time, as well as any other fee properly deemed to be due, from Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Buyan', is written over the firm name.

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